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REV. AND MRS. H. N. AULER

## Lanett CC Church Calls Auler At New Minister

The Rev. Harold N. Auler, Jr., of Stone Creek, Ohio, has accepted a call to become pastor of the Lanett Congregational Christian Church. He will begin his ministry in Lanett on Nov. 26, 1972.

The Rev. Mr. Auler received his B.A. degree from Mission House College, and his B.D. from Eden Theological Seminary, being ordained in 1944. His education also includes a specialized course for one year at Cornell University.

After serving as a missionary to Honduras, Central America, for seventeen years, Rev. Auler accepted the pastorate at Immanuel Church, Alliance, Ohio. Since 1967 he has been pastor of Grace United Church of Christ, Stone Creek, Ohio.

The Rev. Auler is married to the former Virginia A. Huff, and they have two sons and two daughters.

## Bonanza Church Shares

The Bonanza Church, Jonesboro, Ga., received a special offering on World-Wide Communion Sunday, October 1, 1972, for the Knoxville Church of the Savior, to help underwrite the building program there. The gift was \$150. Both Churches are engaged in building programs, with the Bonanza Church preparing to build in 1973.



Left to right: Roy Bain, Moderator, N. Alabama Association, Re-elected September 30, 1972; George Washington, Re-elected Vice-Moderator, September 30, 1972.

## Associations Are Similar, Yet Different

Five of the six Associations of the Southeast Conference were held in October, 1972. The South Alabama-Northwest Florida Association was postponed until December 2, 1972 and will meet then at New Hope Church, Clio, Alabama.

Evangelism shared the spotlight, and different approaches are being developed: Key '73, Lay Visitation, Revivals, Confirmation Classes, and denominational plans being developed following the Deering Conference, summer of 1972.

The Identity Program was highlighted at the Ala.-Tenn. Association and at the East Alabama Association. A slide program was presented showing typical churches of the Conference and the mission undertaken. Other items in Identity include: two brochures, radio spots, newspaper ads. Knoxville and Huntsville churches will use the Identity program first and develop it for wider

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Miss Goodbear addressing a meeting of the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries.

## American Indian Sunday Spotlights November 19

Sunday, November 19, the Sunday before Thanksgiving, has been designated as **American Indian Sunday** in the United Church of Christ. This is an opportune time to receive an offering for the important work of our Council for American Indian Ministry. In addition to coordinating the work of twenty-one congregations in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin, the Council is particularly concerned to provide additional services for Indian young people.

Half of the American Indian population, according to recent figures, are under seventeen years of age. Only a few, like Miss Debbie Goodbear, a member of one of our Ft. Berthold congregations and a student at Rocky Mountain College, have been able to continue with their education beyond the high school level. Many more will have to do so if the Indian community is to be adequately served in the future by Indian doctors, nurses, teachers, law-

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## East Alabama Women's Fellowship Works

The East Alabama Women's Fellowship holds two meetings a year, a Rally in the Spring and the Annual Meeting in the Fall.

The Spring Rally met in March, 1972 at the First Congregational Christian Church in Roanoke, Ala. Mrs. Joan Hodnett was the guest speaker and gave highlights of her recent trip to the Holy Land.

The Fall Conference met Sept. 24, 1972, at the Langdale Congregational Church, Langdale, Ala. On this occasion 14 churches were represented with 68 in attendance.

Mrs. Joe French installed the new officers: Pres: Miss Mary Sue Johnson—Lowell Church, Roanoke, Ala.; Vice-Pres: Mrs. K. M. Payne—First C. C. Church, Roanoke, Ala.; Sec'y: Mrs. Otis Childers—Pleasant Grove Church, La-Fayette, Ala.; Treas.: Mrs. Woodrow Washburn—Elder Church, Dadeville, Ala.

The following compilation gives an interesting picture of this Fellowship:

Total churches reporting .....	11
Total active members .....	166
Total state expenses paid .....	148.50
Total apportionment paid ....	3,160.30
Total family thank offering .....	554.68
Total material aid donated ..	1,814.75

These women helped the Emmaus Home, Church Women United for Overseas Relief, Upland Retirement Center, Elon Home for Children, Christian Children's Fund, Partlow, Church World Service Center, American Indian Mission, Brookhaven Children's Home, and a child in Brazil. All groups were active in visiting hospitals, nursing homes and shut-ins; carried gifts and baskets of fruit to the needy; held programs and prayers; and honored Senior Citizens.

Such articles as stoves, refrigerators, silverware, cabinets, water heaters, and tiles for their church kitchens, improvements in fellowship halls, have been furnished. A love offering was taken for Mrs. Annette Murphy, totaling \$100.

## IMPORTANT — CHURCH TREASURERS PLEASE NOTE!

Southeast Conference announces that the closing date of the financial books for receiving O.C.W.M. gifts is **January 12, 1973**. Send gifts to Southeast Conference, Box 29883, Atlanta, Ga. 30329.

## "FAITH AND JUSTICE" MISSION THEME

The Friendship Press 1972 theme material, "Faith and Justice," catches up the concerns of our times and intersects them with the perspectives of eternity. Without providing pre-packaged answers, the material will help Christians of every persuasion — and non-Christians too — struggle with some of the big questions life puts to us these days. How do we best express Christian conviction? Or get it? Or make it available to others? The **Guide** suggests creative uses for the theme materials and is intended to stimulate interest among adults, youth, and early teens. "Neither the written material nor the media items, author L. Wayne Bryan reminds us, "are the most important things. What is happening in your own community and in the world is your chief concern."

Filmstrips and records related to the Missions Themes — "Faith and Justice" and "India" are available, such as: "Liberate the Captives," "Two Faces of Faith," "A Matter of Stripe," "Listen In On India," and "Sunday Around the World." These may all be obtained from the Cokesbury Regional Service Center in your area or from your nearest Cokesbury Book Store.

### AMERICAN INDIAN SUNDAY

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yers, and other professional people.

Among other services, you will be helping to provide scholarships for American Indian young people when you give generously to the American Indian Sunday all-church offering.

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## Lanett Has New Approach To Church School

The Lanett Church is developing a Children's Bible Training Program. The first five programs will be on **Worship** for Kindergarten Children through the 6th grade.

**Program 1.** Why Do We Go To Church? Our goal for this program — We will try to help each child to understand what it means to worship God and to want to tell Him that we love Him.

**Program 2.** Why Do We Pray? Our goal — To understand how prayer helps us worship, and to want to talk to God every day.

**Program 3.** How We Use the Bible. Our goal — To love the Bible because it is God's Word and He speaks to us through it.

**Program 4.** Why Do We Sing to the Lord? Our goal — To want to Worship the Lord in Praise and song every day.

**Program 5.** Why Do We Give an Offering? Our goal — To understand how the Lord's work is supported and to want to give cheerfully and thankfully.

Teachers: Mrs. Norma Spraggins, Mrs. Fred Watts, Mrs. Horace Welch, Mrs. Don Horne, and Lynn Horne.

## Elizabeth Ann Bishop Given Van Cleave Award

WADLEY — Elizabeth Ann Bishop, freshman at Southern Union from Wedowee RFD, is the recipient of the Van Cleave Scholarship for study at the state junior college in Wadley for the current academic year.

The scholarship, honoring Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Van Cleave and Miss Vera Van Cleave, who have given a total of 58 years of service to Southern Union, is based on an individual's service to his school, his church, and his community.

Elizabeth, a 1972 graduate of Woodland High School, was named "Outstanding Student" and valedictorian of her senior class. She was listed in the honorary societies of "Outstanding American High School Students" and "Who's Who Among American High School Students." She served as president of FTA, vice-president of FHA, secretary of the Beta Club, reporter of the FHA organization at Woodland, and business manager of her school annual.

As a member of the Noon Day Con-

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## ASSOCIATIONS

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use. Meeting in the new Knoxville Church building, the Alabama-Tenn. Association experienced the versatility and the functional aspects of the building.

North Alabama Association divided itself into three groups planning Christian Education Committee meets at the Union Grove Church, Haleyville, on November 12. Sunday School leaders and youth leaders will share in this meeting. On January 14, 1973, Church and Ministry Committee meets with deacons, ministers and moderators of the churches. The Outreach Committee meets at the same time and place, Union Grove Church, to develop means by which the churches can reach into the communities and become a serving people in the world.

Georgia-S. C. Association did some planning for an Association Enabler, highlighted the Churches' search for Ministry and Mission in metropolitan areas and studied, participated in and reacted to the Lord's Day Service now being used in many churches of our fellowship.

Underlying all of the meetings was the search for a deeper faith and greater commitment to the cause of Jesus Christ. "Faith Exploration," as being developed by Lay Life and Work, became the real basis for this search.

Central Alabama Association recognized vital function of Christian Education and is planning a weekend camp in the spring for young people and adults.

"Develop a Mission Project for the whole Association," said one Committee. "Discover the conditions of our churches," said another. Spiritual Renewal was the theme here and in other Associations it was expressed time and again.

For the Word needs to become Deed as the churches and Associations launch into a new year.

## BUDGET CUT FELT AT MT. SILINDA, RHODESIA

Altogether, the United Church Board for World Ministries provides more money for work in Rhodesia than in any other nation in Africa. The 1972 budget indicates a total of \$185,000, most of which has been channeled through the Gazaland Conference of the United Church of Christ of Rhodesia and through the Christian Council of Rhodesia. Some \$15,000 of this amount was

## Word Gets Around At First Church, Nashville

On Sunday, September 10, 1972, signs were posted on all entrances to our Church. "SUNDAY SCHOOL IS NEW AND DIFFERENT THIS YEAR!" The children added one more adjective to that statement — EXCITING! Our Church School program has been totally revised and the revision has created interest and excitement.

First — Sixth grades are meeting as one class and are utilizing the learning center approach. The learning center approach works like this: a topic is chosen and many different centers are set up pertaining to that topic. The child is able to choose the center he wants to work in and advance at his own pace.

Our second grouping is Seventh-Twelfth grades. For the first six-week session this class is using "A.D. 1972" (United Church Herald) as a basis for discussion. The use of fiction and non-fiction novels is being investigated and several projects are planned.

Each class has two leaders. These leaders are responsible for choosing a theme and carefully planning each session. Different members of the congregation are enlisted to help each Sunday. Leaders make only a six-week commitment. This commitment enables the leader to operate at the height of his creativity for a short period of time rather than spread himself thin over a year or longer.

The Young Adult class is happy to welcome Mr. Fred Craig as their leader. Fred is a Senior at Vanderbilt Divinity School. The class will be using "The Human Condition" by Hannah Arendt as a basis for discussion.

Mr. Jim Campbell has again taken the responsibility of leading the Adult Class.

—Susan Walther



## Carters Celebrate 50th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon L. Carter celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in July, 1972. Both are long-time members of the Wadley Christian Church. They are well known by the people of the churches of the East Alabama Association.

Mr. Carter is one of the few surviving charter members of the Wadley Church. He has served as Church Clerk most of his life. Mrs. Carter is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Moon (deceased) of Lineville, Alabama, and Mr. Carter is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Carter, both deceased, of the Wadley area.

## Nominating Committee Seeks Names

Dr. Donald M. Rockwell, Chairman of the UCC Nominating Committee, has asked that members and ministers of the Church provide the Committee with names of possible candidates for the President of the Church, the Director of Finance and Treasurer, Moderators, and members of the Executive Council and of Instrumentalities, Commissions and Committees.

The Committee will need to know, besides the name and address of each person, age, race or ethnic background, ecclesiastical status (lay or ordained), local church membership, occupation, denominational and interdenominational service, civic and fraternal organizational offices held, and avocational interests.

Suggestions should be sent to the Nominating Committee, UCC, 297 Park Avenue South, New York, N. Y. 10010.



## Arnold Slater Becomes Minister Emeritus

Oct. 1, 1972, the Reverend Arnold Slater became Minister Emeritus of Pilgrim Church, Chattanooga, Tenn. Mr. Slater was minister of Pilgrim Church for twenty-seven years. He and Pauline, his wife, have retired near Snoddy and remain active members of the congregation.

The present pastor, the Rev. David Beebe writes: "I have been pleased and enriched by our association since I came to Pilgrim as minister and increasingly aware of my indebtedness to Arnold's ministry at Pilgrim. I rejoice in the celebration of this Sunday and welcome Mr. Slater to the position of Minister Emeritus. Though this does not mean that he will have specific responsibilities, it does mean that he will receive an honor justly due and that his very real support and help to me as pastor will be recognized."

During the October 1 service, the two ministers shared in celebrating Worldwide Communion. There was also presented in honor of Mr. Slater a new pulpit Bible, given by the members of the last confirmation class which he taught.

## 16 New Children Received At Elon During Summer

As summer ends, we are busy welcoming the 16 new children who have come to take the place of the high school graduates and other boys and girls who have left our care in recent weeks.

The new children were admitted because of their need for care such as ours and because we felt that we could help them. After their arrival, they were busy making friends, getting accustomed to a new way of living, and learning about the campus prior to the opening of school when they began a busy year of classes and outside activities.

## SENTENCE ILLUSTRATIONS

1. Why look for a perfect church—you couldn't belong anyway!
2. It is hard for the tolerant to tolerate the intolerant.
3. If a man goes to jail for robbing a bank, where does a man go that robs God?
4. Hate is self-destructive, but love is regenerative.



Rev. Donald P. Flick, Miss Helen Greene looking over papers concerning moon Bible. Bible is in package.

## First Bible On Moon Now In Knoxville

The first Bible on the moon was tucked in the space suit of Astronaut Edgar D. Mitchell, a Navy captain, on the Apollo XIV mission on February 5, 1971. Selections from that historic Bible have just arrived in Knoxville, and were encapsuled September 24 at 10:00 a. m. in the cornerstone of the Church of the Savior, United Church of Christ, Weisgarber and Lonas Roads.

On that day there the Confirmation Class was received into membership during this service and young people of the congregation participated in the program.

It was the persistence of a Church of the Savior member, 68-year-old Miss Helen Greene, a native of Knoxville, that brought the Bible here.

"It all started when I saw this account in the local newspaper (**Knoxville News Sentinel**) telling about the Bible going to the moon and back," Miss Greene said. "I wrote Captain Mitchell asking for the Bible for our new church building. I really didn't think I was going to get it. But if I didn't try, how would I ever know?"

Miss Greene, of 240 N.E. Oklahoma Avenue in Knoxville, said nearly six months passed before Captain Mitchell replied to her letter. He informed her that he had "no power" to distribute the Bible. The astronaut said the Rev. Mr. John M. Stout, a Presbyterian minister in LaPorte, Texas, and organizer of the Apollo Prayer League, had that responsibility. So Miss Greene began writing Mr. Stout.

In late 1971, Mr. Stout wrote Miss Greene what she calls "the miracle news." She was told that the Church of the Savior was one of five locations

in the country where segments of the lunar Bible would be placed. "The reason why we were interested specifically in your church, other than your enthusiasm, is for the safekeeping for future generations," Mr. Stout wrote.

The instructions said "These five envelopes are to remain in that cornerstone until the church is destroyed or replaced, at which time the cornerstone is to be opened and five new locations chosen to help further the preservation of parts of the first Bible on the moon for future generations."

Miss Greene said she placed a personal note in the cornerstone with the moon Bible. "I will say that I hope the ideals of our congregation with our social outreach programs will have been carried out by that time," she said.

## Ford Forsyth Heads Fund Drive For Black Colleges

The Rev. J. Ford Forsyth has been appointed to head a United Church of Christ fund drive to aid six Black colleges related to it in the South and educational institutions overseas promoting racial justice.

Dr. Forsyth who was minister of a church in Turkey, became national campaign director of the drive on Sept. 1 and will serve for three years.

Primary goal of the campaign is \$13,000,000, with a "challenge" goal of an additional \$4,000,000.

The Synod voted that 75 percent of the funds raised be given to aid the six black U. S. colleges related to the AMA, and that 20 percent go to educational programs overseas. Five percent will be used for minority scholarships.

## TO MY CHURCH

Speak not in terms of generalities,  
but rather in specifics.  
Speak not to me in terms of tradition,  
but rather in a contemporary light.  
Do not fool yourself by thinking that  
I will contribute more to you if  
made to feel guilty.  
My response will be positive when your  
approach is positive.  
I will have faith in your programs when  
your leadership displays faith in  
your programs.  
Whether you realize it or not, your  
potential is limited by my potential.  
Challenge me to use mine and you will  
realize yours.  
(Personal challenge to self—)  
—Oscar Fowler (Oct. 7, 1972)  
Ala.-Tenn., Association

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## ALA.-TENN. ASSOCIATION

Church	Paid
Alpine, King's Chapel	115
Arley, C. C.	20
Athens, Trinity	0
Belvidere, U.C.C.	1,693
Birmingham, First	412
Birmingham, Pilgrim	2,500
Birmingham, St. John's	0
Caddo, First	0
Chattanooga, First	0
Chattanooga, Pilgrim	3,378
Crossville, First	896
Cullman, St. John's	1,100
Daisy, First	0
Deer Lodge, C. C.	272
Evarts, First	0
Garden City, C. C.	350
Glen Mary, C. C.	0
Hackleburg, Fairview	0
Haleyville, Union Grove	364
Hanceville, Mt. Grove	100
Houston, Liberty Hill	0
Huntsville, United	200
Jackson, Ecumenical (Miss.)	0
Knoxville, Church of Savior	750
Marion, First	0
Montgomery, First	0
Moulton, Jones' Chapel	50
Nashville, Brookmeade	350
Nashville, First E & R	2,100
Nashville, Fisk Union	0
Nashville, Howard	0
Pleasant Hill, Community	1,234
Robbins, Barton Chapel	0
Selma, First	0
Steele, Mt. Lebanon	0
Sweetwater, First United	0
Talladega, First	150
Tougaloo, Union	175
Town Creek, Old Liberty	350
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,559</b>

## CENTRAL ALABAMA ASSOCIATION

East Tallassee, C.C.	625
Eclectic, Watson's Chapel	0
Montgomery, United	0
Mountain Creek, Union	0
Seman, Community	0
Tallassee, Mt. Olive	0
Wetumpka, Balm of Gilead	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>625</b>

## S. ALABAMA-N. W. FLORIDA ASSOCIATION

Andalusia, Antioch	0
Andalusia, First	0
Baker, Good Hope	0

Baker, Pyron's Chapel	0
Bonifay, New Effort	0
Brantley, Indian Creek	0
Brantley, Liberty	0
Clio, New Hope	200
Headland, Blackwood	114
Midland City	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>314</b>

## GEORGIA-SOUTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION

Ambrose, Christian	0
Atlanta, Carroll Heights	0
Atlanta, Center	0
Atlanta, Central	7,067
Atlanta, First	0
Atlanta, Rush Memorial	0
Barnesville, Fredonia	200
Baxley, Friendship	0
Beachton, Evergreen	0
Bowman, Liberty	0
Braselton, Macedonia	200
Bristol, Antioch	0
Buford, Duncan's Creek	0
Charleston, Circular	225
Charleston, Plymouth	161
Crest, Hebron	—
Demorest, Federated	200
Doerun, New Light	0
Doerun, Poplar Arbor	0
Douglas, First	0
Erigma, Christian	0
Gaillard, Pleasant Hill	0
Hampton, County Line	0
Jonesboro, Bonanza United	800
Macon, First	0
McIntosh, Midway	600
Meansville, First	0
Pearson, Union Hill	0
Richland, First	0
Savannah, First	813
Thomasville, Bethany	100
Tifton, First	0
Tifton, Vanceville	0
Waycross, Williams Chapel	0
Woodbury, Jones Chapel	125
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,491</b>

## EAST ALABAMA ASSOCIATION

<b>Basic Support OCWM as of 10-18-72</b>	
From E. Ala. Association	8,065
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$36,054</b>

## Bibles Sell At Country Fair

Protestants and Catholics got together in rural Vermont to man a booth at the Orleans County Fair. Bibles, tracts, and other religious books sold in large numbers. Visitors, it is reported, eagerly read "Good News For Modern Man" because "they could understand it." So successful was the booth that a repeat is planned for next year.

## BWM Presents Roland A. Kampmeier With Madonna

On behalf of the Board for World Ministries, Dr. David Beebe, pastor of Pilgrim Church, Chattanooga, presented an Ecuadorian Madonna to Roland A. Kampmeier at the Ala.-Tenn. Association, October 7, 1972, in Knoxville. Inscribed on the Madonna were the words:

"Mr. Roland A. Kampmeier  
In Grateful Recognition  
Of Your Leadership  
As a Director of the UCBWM  
1966-1971

"These are not idle words but a heartfelt recognition of your outstanding service to world ministries in the broadest sense," wrote Dalton Smith of B.W.M. "You brought a rich professional background, intimate knowledge of overseas problems, wise perceptions, deep convictions, and Christian commitment as you served with distinction. Yours was an important voice in all deliberations. Your service as Chairman of the Africa Committee led to important changes in the work on that continent you love so much. No less important, however, was your work with the Budget Committee, where you authored the rules under which we continue to operate, and with the Service Committee, where your counsel and opinions were invariably sought before decisions were reached.

"We are grateful for your continued involvement and Sally's too on behalf of the wider mission of the United Church of Christ.

"On behalf of the officers, directors, and staff, a warm thank you. God bless you both."

## Florida Has Winter Chautauqua

Four weeks — January 28-February 24, 1973. Enjoy a winter holiday in sunny Florida in pleasant, relaxed surroundings with like-minded churchmen, and with such leaders as Reuben A. Sheares, II, Mrs. Jean Beaven Abernathy, Herman F. Reissig, and David G. Colwell.

Write for details:

Winter Chautauqua  
P. O. Box 1056,  
Avon Park, Florida 33825

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ELIZABETH ANN BISHOP

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gregational Christian Church in the New Hope community, she is presently serving as song leader and as assistant secretary in the church's Sunday school. This summer she was a nursery teacher in Vacation Bible School.

Her father, Buford Bishop, and mother, the former Nelda Ann Walker, are Southern Union alumni.

PETER ANDREAE was recently chosen as a National Merit Scholar finalist. A news story appeared with photo in local papers. Peter is President of SEC Youth.

The Reverend and Mrs. Arnold Slater have returned from a trip to Holland, Va., where they shared in the two hundred twenty-fifth anniversary celebration of worship at Holy Neck Church. Mr. Slater was formerly pastor of the Holy Neck United Church of Christ. Mr. Slater, now retired, is presently serving as interim minister at the Langdale C.C. Church, Langdale, Alabama.

### NEW ARRIVAL AT THE RICHARD WAUGH HOME

A daughter, Kristy Lynn Waugh, was born August 6, 1972, to Rev. and Mrs. R. M. Waugh, of Route 3, Trinity, Ala. Mr. Waugh is pastor of Old Liberty and Jones Chapel Churches in North Alabama.

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